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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Gateway Social—

The Gateway Social Club will give another of its popular whist parties in the I. O. O. F. lodge rooms this evening. Friends are invited to attend.

A car will leave corner of Commercial and Tenth streets at 12 o'clock.

Pleasure Ahead—

The arrangements for the great masquerade ball on tomorrow night at Logan's Hall are said to be perfect and complete and that the affair is to be one of the most enjoyable of the winter season. Nothing has been left undone to make it delightful and the efforts will not cease until the last couple has been bowed out at its close.

One Good Deed—

Among all the numerous and varied instruments filed for record at the County Clerk's office yesterday there was just one deed of conveyance, that of the Sheriff of Clatsop County to H. C. Thompson, conveying the county's equity in certain lots and blocks in and about this city and Warrenton acquired by certain delinquencies in the payment of taxes.

W. B. D. Entertainment—

Tomorrow evening there is to be a delightful and patriotic entertainment at St. Mary's hall by the ladies of the Catholic Aid Society in commemoration of the natal day of the Father of His Country. Arthur Dayton, a bright young lawyer of Portland, will be the speaker of the evening, and his address will be on the spirited theme that suggested the gathering. All are welcome. The price of admission has been fixed at 25 cents.

Assumes Charge Today—

The new general manager of the Astoria Electric Company's plant and business in this city, D. F. McGee, arrived here yesterday from Iowa and will relieve Manager Howard Knight today. Mr. Knight resuming charge of the company's main office on Commercial street. Mr. McGee has been looking over the property of the company and seems to be quite pleased with Astoria and his new assignment. The Astorian wishes him genuine success in his undertaking.

Light on the Subject—

The merchants occupying the block between Tenth and Eleventh streets on Commercial have had four fine arc lights installed in the center of the main thoroughfare for the purpose of relieving the shadows that prevail there in comparison with the privately lit block between Eleventh and Twelfth, and the plan is creditable to their enterprise. It makes the block as light as day and attracts attention from all directions.

Bonds Signed—

Owing to the illness of Mayor Wise Councilman Henderson, as chairman of the Council, signed the bonds and warrants ordered paid at the last session of the Council.

Another Score—

There were just 20 more names added to the registered list of voters in this city and county yesterday, making the total last evening at the close of business 1,540, the top-notch figure in the history of primary registration here.

Order in Probate—

Judge McBride yesterday made an order in the matter of the estate of the late E. R. Hawes, appointing Messrs. B. Van Dusen, J. Q. A. Bowlby and W. T. Scholfield as appraisers of said estate. Mrs. Anna E. Hawes is the administratrix of the estate.

Police Court—

Two drunks were before Judge Anderson yesterday and were assessed \$5 or two days in jail. H. P. Simpson, who was before the court December 17 on a charge of vagrancy, had his sentence suspended on a promise to leave town. But he couldn't stay away, and being recognized by the police was arrested, having broken his parole. Judge Anderson very properly fined him \$40 or twenty days in jail.

A Circuit Court Order—

Deputy Sheriff Archie McLean went to Fort Stevens yesterday to serve an order of the Circuit Court upon one Ira E. Gates, defendant in a suit for divorce here, commanding him to turn into court the sum of \$100 to enable his wife to prosecute her suit against him, and to pay her the monthly sum of \$25 for maintenance until the further order of the court. Gates is hospital steward at the post there.

Held Up Temporarily—

Immigration Inspector Raphael Bonham of this city, who left here last week for Portland under orders to convey a French woman across the continent and turn her over to the authorities of his department for deportation to France, has been "held up" for a season, pending the result of habeas corpus proceedings instituted by her attorney. Mr. Bonham expects the case will be decided in

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favor of the Government and his department and that he will still have to make the Eastern journey. Mrs. Bonham remained in the metropolis, the guest of relatives and friends.

Captain Nevins Here—

Captain James Nevins, for 22 years general superintendent for the northwest of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, is in this city. He is the father-in-law of the late Fred S. Rogers, and received the news of his son-in-law's death from the Oregonian as he was on his way to Astoria, having been previously notified by wire that Mr. Rogers was very low.

Committee of Five—

In compliance with the resolution passed at the last session of the Common Council, Mayor Wise appointed the following committee to investigate the rumors of gambling and graft in this city: H. L. Henderson, chairman; P. L. Stangeland, C. A. Leinenweber, J. H. Hanson and Fred Karinen. This committee will hold a meeting in the near future to take the evidence of the witnesses summoned to appear before them and submit the same to the council.

Examined for Insanity—

Miss Adolfinia Pulkonen, a young Finnish woman, 22 years of age, was examined yesterday by Judge Trenchard, with Doctors Vernon and Kinney in attendance, as to her mental condition, and the result was that an order was made committing her to the asylum for the insane at Salem. Her commitment to the asylum may be held up until the federal immigration officials at this port shall have had an opportunity to effect her deportation to Finland on the score that she was not a proper person to be admitted to this country because of latent disease that should have barred her. Dr. Holt, of the quarantine service, and Inspector Bonham of the immigration department were present at the examination yesterday.

Funeral of Fred S. Rogers—

At 7 o'clock this morning the funeral of Fred S. Rogers will be held from his late residence, corner of Seventh street and Harrison avenue. The Rev. C. R. Owen, of the First Baptist Church, will conduct the services, which will be under the auspices of Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. Elks. The body will be taken to Portland on the morning train, where it will be taken charge of by the Portland lodge of Elks. The services which were to have been held in the White Temple have been canceled, as it would be necessary for the Astorians to remain over until Saturday morning train if that service had been held. The pallbearers are Asmus Brix, J. F. Ferguson, C. H. Houston, James H. O'Connell, L. E. Howes and Frank J. Carney, and they will accompany the body to Portland. The interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

Postal Theft—

Postmaster John Hahn received the following letter from George D. Linn, the postoffice inspector of this district, yesterday:

"Spokane, Wash., Feb. 18.

"Postmaster, Astoria:

"Sir—This is to notify you of the operations of a very clever money order forger now operating in your vicinity. Some time ago Station No. 15 Seattle, Wash., was burglarized and money order forms Nos. 35033 to 35300 were stolen. The party who has these stolen orders in his possession fills same out for various amounts usually from \$35 to \$45, made payable at the office where he wishes to operate, and changes the first figure in the number of the order from a 3 to an 8 by means of red ink.

"His method is to make a purchase at some store, usually jewelry or clothing stores, and in payment present one of these forged orders taking the difference in cash. So far as advised he always operates on Saturday nights, thus giving himself time to be out of town before the orders can be presented at the postoffice on the following Monday. He usually identifies himself by letters he has upon his person.

"You will please interview your merchants and give them full particulars of his methods of operation and description of the party, and impress upon them the importance of causing this party's immediate arrest should he appear, when this office should be notified by wire. Please give this your immediate attention and notify all merchants, so far as practicable.

"Very respectfully,

"G. D. LINN,
"Inspector in Charge."

Kodak Supplies.

A full line of films, papers, cameras, Kodaks, etc., just received at Hart's Drug Store.

SURVIVORS OF EMILY REED

SECOND OFFICER AND THREE SEAMEN OF ILL-STARRED VESSEL ARRIVE ON SUE H. ELMORE—HEROINE ABOARD.

When the steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in from Tillamook at 7 o'clock last night she brought, among her passengers four survivors of the ship Emily Reed. They were Second Officer Thompson and Seamen Vicente Sanchez, Lawrence Sullivan and Herman Bartels. From them it is learned that the captain's wife was a heroine. Previous reports showed that she was 'tween decks during the trouble, when the fact has been shown that she was called on deck at once by Captain Kessel and was informed by him that the vessel was lost. She proved herself a heroine by remaining on the poopdeck, and did all that a man could do to assist in saving life.

According to the story of the seamen, who were among the saved, the chronometer was faulty and the captain was misled thereby.

"I was in the fore-castle," said Seaman Sanchez, "and had changed my timepiece to conform with the ship's time, as I was going on watch at 2 o'clock in the morning. At a quarter to 2 the captain called us on deck and ordered the yards squared, and after we had done it the ship struck. I have been wrecked five times in different parts of the world, and I thought this was my end. When we struck, the vessel started to go to pieces right away. You say that the first officer and a boat reached shore? Good! I'm glad to hear it. We didn't think we would ever see them again or hear of them. We hurried aft, and as she broke up the surf broke over us. We kept as close together as we could, waiting for daylight.

"The skipper's wife was with us, and she saw Ernest, the captain's boy, trying to reach us. 'Give me your hand, Ernest, I'll save you,' she said. 'Can't you see my hand, boy, here, here.' The spanker boom then swung around and, striking the unfortunate man, swept him into the surf and he was lost."

At daybreak the crew, at low tide, reached the shore and were taken care of. The captain and his wife were made the guests of Mr. Bozorth, where they are now resting, while those who arrived last night came up on the Sue H. Elmore and are now in the city.

They report that the vessel is a total loss, even the survivors losing all their worldly effects, but happy in the thought that their lives have been spared.

QUIET DAY IN COURT.

But Little Doing in the Realms of the Upper Tribunal Yesterday.

The following orders were made in the Circuit Court yesterday by Judge Thomas A. McBride:

Thomas Hopkins was excused from jury service for the term upon a proper showing to the court.

In the matter of the State of Oregon versus Sam Nigo et al. a demurrer to the complaint was sustained and the case was dismissed.

The demurrer heretofore filed in the case of A. E. Miller versus W. E. Burke et al. was sustained, the injunction dissolved and the cause dismissed.

Default was entered and an order of reference made in the case of Edra Coffey versus P. H. Coffey.

In the case of G. L. Osborne versus Elizabeth A. Osborne for divorce, a decree granting the plea of the plaintiff was handed down.

The court then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

REBEKAH MEETING.

Gateway Rebekah Lodge will hold a regular meeting this evening in the lodge rooms. Officers and members are requested to be present at 7:15 sharp.

ELKS NOTICE.

The members of Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. E. and visiting brothers are requested to meet at the family residence, corner of Seventh street and Harrison avenue, at 7 o'clock this, Friday, morning to attend the funeral of our late brother, F. S. Rogers of Walla Walla Lodge and escort the remains to the morning train for Portland. JOHN C. McCUE, Exalted Ruler.

J. C. Clinton, Secretary.

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FIRE IN BREWERY BOILER HOUSE

THE SKY WAS LIT UP AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE RAN TO THE SCENE OF THE CONFLAGRATION.

What appeared to be a big fire and what actually was a bad one occurred in the boiler house of the North Pacific Brewing Company's plant shortly before 11 o'clock last night. There was a strong east wind blowing, and only quick work on the part of the firemen prevented the entire plant from being laid low.

At this writing it is impossible to state the amount of the loss or the actual damage done.

Manager Schimpff said it might run as high as \$8,000 or \$10,000, but could not estimate it with any accuracy as he did not know how badly the engine and other machinery was damaged.

The fire was well handled, and this proves that Astoria has a fire fighting crew to be proud of—and it is.

The Laws of Life.

Mrs. O. S. Fowler, of New York, will give a scientific course of six free lectures on "The Laws of Life," at Astoria Theatre beginning Tuesday, February 25, 8 p. m. Mrs. Fowler is an able exponent of phrenology and a great Bible student. She is thoroughly in touch with every subject which pertains to man's highest development and spares no effort to enlighten humanity to know themselves.

STUDYING TRANSPORTATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Captain A. McMorland, chief of the army service of Sydney, Australia, arrived in this city yesterday on the America Maru on his way to London and Aldershot, Eng., where he will take a special course of instruction in transportation, the object of which will be to fit him in the art of provisioning the great army which Australia is now training under its new system of compulsory military education. Capt. McMorland has already completed a tour of investigation and study through China and Japan. He expects, during his journey across America to England to study the military system of this country.

Australia, through its recently established circle of cadet schools, will soon be in a position to put into the field at short notice a first class fighting force. Under the new compulsory military education law, all young men from the ages of 18 to 22 years, will be required to take a complete course of instructions in the art of war. From the cadet school these young soldiers would be graduated to senior cadet schools where they will receive the finishing touches in their drill.

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ARKANSAS DIAMONDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—That real diamonds have been found in Arkansas was the statement made in a paper read by George F. Kunz of New York, one of the foremost American experts on precious stones, before the American Institute of Mining Engineers yesterday. Kunz stated that about 140 diamonds had been found near Murfreesboro, Ark., and that they were without doubt the genuine product of the country. He said: "From the 200 karats available for examination, it appears that the Arkansas gems compare favorably with most of those in South Africa. Their average size is fairly good, though so far none larger than 6.5 karats have been found. There is a large proportion of white stones, for the most part of a high grade in brilliancy and freedom from flaws. Some of the yellow ones are of exceptional quality.

He pointed out that these diamond finds are isolated and that no credence should be given to a report that the continuance of the vein has been found. There is no vein to begin with, he said.

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